

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. An improved spring-activated mole trap that includes two, pairs of clamping jaws that, when released, converge to kill a mole located therebetween, the mole trap also including a trigger arm that holds the jaws in an opened, biased position and when sufficiently moved by a mole, releases the jaws thereby killing the mole, the improvement comprising:

a. a pair of handles longitudinally aligned and extending from the jaws enabling said mole trap to be vertically aligned and inserted into a mole opening;

b. a limiting means for said trigger arm to prevent access rotation of the trigger arm when released;

c. a pivoting trigger plate capable of engaging the end of the trigger arm, said trigger plate being z-shaped with an upper trigger rod support plate and a lower, offset, trigger support plate;

d. a foot bar enabling the jaws to be activated by the user's foot, said foot bar including an elongated bar with a jaw-engaging surface at one end, so that when said mole trap is aligned longitudinally on a support surface, said jaw engaging surface may be placed against one jaw and the user's foot may be placed thereon to force said jaws into a set position.

2. The improved spring-activated mole trap as recited in Claim 1, wherein said limiting means for said trigger arm is a u-shaped member designed prevent the upward rotation of said trigger arm around said u-shaped member when said trigger arm is released.

- 1 3. A method of setting a spring-activated mole trap, comprising the following steps:
- 2 a. selecting a spring activated, two claw mole trap, said mole trap having two
- 3 longitudunially aligned handles, and a trigger plate that release a trigger arm when activated
- 4 by a mole;
- 5 b. selecting a mole opening;
- 6 c. selecting a foot bar to activated said mole trap;
- 7 d. activating said mole trap with said foot bar;
- 8 e. grasping said handles to move said mole trap, and;
- 9 f. vertically inserting said mole trap into said mole opening so that said jaws are
- 10 transversely aligned inside said mole opening and said trigger plate is position adjacent to the
- 11 soil under said trap
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